

POLICE ROUNDUP

Bicyclist Hit by Car; No Charges Filed

A car struck a bicyclist on South Road on Wednesday at about 8:45 a.m. The driver of the green Ford Taurus was turning right into the Bell Tower parking lot when she struck the bicyclist, knocking him to the ground.

University police and EMS responded to the scene, where the rider was treated for minor cuts and bruises and released with no hospital treatment.

No charges were filed against the driver.

Further details were unavailable Wednesday.

University

Wednesday, Nov. 7

■ A resident assistant in Morrison Residence Hall called in a possible underage alcohol possession in one of the rooms at 9:36 p.m. Monday, reports state. Two UNC students were caught with empty beer cans and confessed to drinking the alcohol inside of them, reports state.

Reports state the suspects received citations for underage drinking.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

■ An unknown person used red paint to mark over UNC stickers on cars sometime between Monday night and Tuesday morning, reports state.

Vandalized cars were located in the parking lot behind Hinton James Residence Hall and the Public Safety Building parking lot near Morrison Residence Hall, reports state.

Reports state that two of the four victims noticed "NCU" painted on their vehicles.

■ An Ericsson cell phone was stolen from a room in Craige Residence Hall sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday night, reports state.

■ Reports state that a \$300 Nokia cell phone was taken from a secured car between 1 a.m. Oct. 29 and noon Nov. 2. The victim returned to her car Nov. 2 to find that the cell phone power cord had been cut and the phone was missing, reports state.

Monday, Nov. 5

■ A supervisor arrived on site to find a Sheetrock gun was missing from a tool area in the Morrison Residence Hall new construction site C, reports state.

The Hillti gun had a company-applied serial number 677695 and could have been taken anytime between 5 p.m. Nov. 2 and 10:30 a.m. Nov. 5, reports state.

City

Tuesday, Nov. 6

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Charles Williams, 20, of 200 Westminster Drive for possession of marijuana.

Reports state that a Chapel Hill police officer approached Williams on Airport Road near Westminster Drive because they thought he was a possible suspect in an armed robbery at the Wachovia Bank.

Williams consented to a search and officers found a bag of marijuana in his coat, reports state.

Williams was arrested and taken to the Chapel Hill police department, reports state. Reports also state that Williams is being charged with one misdemeanor count of marijuana possession.

He is scheduled to appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Dec. 3.

Monday, Nov. 5

■ Chapel Hill police responded to an animal abuse call at 4:09 p.m. at 707 Gommains Ave. Reports state that a child killed a neighbor's puppy.

The crimes involved are damage to real property and cruelty to animals, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Michael Brown, 50, of 100 Louis Armstrong Court at 10:31 p.m. for possession of crack cocaine.

Reports state an officer observed a drug transaction while doing surveillance on the corner of West Rosemary Street and Graham Street.

Brown was approached on West Rosemary Street near Roberson Street, reports state.

After searching Brown, officers found a plastic bag with one dosage unit of crack cocaine, reports state.

Brown faces one felony count of possession of drugs, schedule II, reports state.

Brown was scheduled to appear in court Monday at the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

SBP Campaigns Bring Student Resignations

Four student government members have resigned to work on upcoming student body president campaigns.

By JOHN FRANK
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Four student government executive branch members have resigned to work on election campaigns for potential stu-

dent body president candidates.

The members, who were chairmen and vice chairmen of various committees, submitted their letters of resignation by the Nov. 3 deadline set by Student Body President Justin Young. One other Cabinet member, Chessa Huff, resigned for personal reasons.

Young said members are asked to resign if they plan on working for student government campaigns because of potential conflicts of interest.

Last year, three Cabinet members

resigned. "Campaigns for student body could take time and energy away from student government," Young said.

Brothers Russ and Scott Jones resigned from their positions on the Cabinet to help junior Will McKinney run his campaign for student body president. Both worked on Young's campaign last year and said they are looking forward to the campaign season.

"I felt like a lot of the things with Justin Young wanted to be carried into next year in order to assure there is a continuation

of similar issues and goals," Russ said.

Cabinet member Robert Basinger resigned from his position as vice chairman of academic affairs so he could work on junior Jen Daum's campaign for student body president as her campaign manager. "I enjoyed my time on the Cabinet," Basinger said. "But this would be a more important contribution to the University if (Daum) was elected student body president."

Kristen Cordell, vice chairwoman of student services, resigned from the

Cabinet to serve as junior James Haltom's campaign manager until he decided not to run. Cordell said she is interested in working for a campaign but has not made plans to help another candidate.

The deadline for resignations varies every year, but Young said the date was chosen to give student government adequate time to fill the vacant positions.

Current executive branch members already have expressed interest in filling

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Six-string acoustic guitar player Billy Nershi is one of String Cheese Incident's five members. The renowned jam band continually tours and performed Wednesday night for the annual Homecoming concert. String Cheese Incident played a sold-out show at Memorial Hall.

Fans Get High on String Cheese Incident

By MICHELLE JARBOE
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Perhaps one needs to be high to appreciate what fans term a "String Cheese Incident."

That could explain the fans' two main preoccupations at the Memorial Hall concert last night — they were either indulging in or spastically convulsing from various mind-altering, smoke-producing substances. Or both.

As soon as the house lights went down, the multitude of bright, fluorescent lights came up, and the band took the stage. The scent of smoke began to mingle with the crowd-pervasive body odor, and the free, unwashed, Birkenstocked, ganja-loving feeling set in.

And String Cheese Incident, the Boulder, Colo., five-member jam band, didn't contrast much with such surroundings. The band performed in a tripped-up style that it seems to have ripped off and further distorted from Phish, who in turn stole it from the Grateful Dead. Not merely mixing bluegrass and rock, the band layered bits of electro-funk and salsa beats into its extensive, blurred sets.

The show seemed to go on forever, as the breaks between the songs were about as discernable as the stage wasn't. Suspensions of machine-made and crowd-produced haze left the band behind a cloud cover that just clenched the set's psychedelic

nature. Complementing this effect were the constantly rotating rainbow lights and strobes that blinded the already woozy, reeling audience.

But if one solely concentrated on the band, all delusions of psychedeliamania went up in smoke. The performance seemed a bit off — sure, the jams were tight, but the band seemed to fly past the lyrics in favor of settling into comfortable instrumental rhythms. And the five members didn't really seem to be having that much fun once they reached that point.

Drummer Michael Travis swung his head mechanically from side to side as he syncopated the set's one never-ending song. Sometimes he looked more detached than enthused, and the other members, most notably bassist Keith Moseley, seemed sedated and subdued. Only impressive violinist Michael Kang kept the energy in his countenance.

Not that the audience really noticed. The crowd that had so heatedly clamored for tickets to see the band jam made the music into a mere backdrop for their antics. Flaring lighters, twisting bodies and a mezzanine that, at some moments, threatened to give way beneath the pounding feet of fans, took precedence over the so-called main event — the band.

One has to wonder what the fans were really paying for.

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String Cheese Incident member Michael Kang plays the violin as well as electric and acoustic mandolin.

Provost Rejects CIT, CTL Merger Forum to Discuss Redistricting Plans

By STEPHANIE HORVATH
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Provost Robert Shelton decided last week not to merge two faculty resource centers after receiving a report from a task force formed to aid the union.

Instead of conducting the merger, which has met with criticism from faculty in recent months, the provost asked the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Center for Instructional Technology to conduct self-examinations and update their mission statements.

The CTL is an academic development and support center, and the CIT is a support center for integrating technology into learning. "The two units individually need to do more work on their mission statements and plans," Shelton said. "You just need to refresh them now and then."

Shelton said his decision was affected by the centers' need to examine their mission statements and by the uncertainty of the state budget situation.

The provost announced in June that he wanted to merge the two centers and later assigned a task force to advise him on the logistics of the merger.

Under the now-tabled plan, the merged center would report to Marian Moore, the vice chancellor of information technology. Some faculty members opposed the move, said William Smith, head of the task force.

The CTL now reports directly to Shelton while the CIT reports to Moore. "We did communicate to (Shelton) the primary concerns that faculty represented to the task force," Smith said. "They felt the CTL was broad enough in scope that it ought to report to the provost."

Political science Professor Donna Lefebvre said the CTL's purpose demands that it remain under the provost. "What the CTL does is academic in nature, and academics should report to the provost," Lefebvre said. "It's inappropriate for the CTL to report to the office of information technology because that's just one aspect of teaching."

Iola Peed-Neal, the associate director of the CTL, also said the CTL should report to the provost.

"We have always maintained that the Center for Teaching and Learning should report to the chief academic official because that is the home for this

teaching center," Peed-Neal said.

Moore said she agreed with the provost's decision but added that the faculty would have received excellent service under her authority. "I think the faculty of this University would have gotten absolutely fabulous pedagogical services had this merger occurred and had they reported to me," Moore said.

Shelton said the issue of where the merged center would report was not a deciding determinant in his decision. "That was one factor, but I don't think it was the key factor," he said.

Kathy Thomas, manager of the CIT, said while her group was not opposed to the merger, it is not required for the groups to collaborate.

"These groups do really good work, and the possibility of the work we could do together was exciting," she said. "But we can still work together."

Shelton said he had not entirely ruled out the idea of a merger. "For now we're not going to merge, but I want to leave that open in the future."

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A public forum will be held today in Raleigh to gauge public reaction and suggestions on two conflicting congressional redistricting plans that have been unveiled in the last few days.

Democrats and Republicans each introduced different redistricting plans earlier this week.

Both parties have admitted that the newly created 13th district probably will be Democratic, but the two plans differ in the political distribution in some of the remaining districts.

Results of the 2000 U.S. Census allotted North Carolina an additional seat in the U.S. House.

Legislators said there are two separate plans because each party tries to protect its own incumbents and create additional seats.

Rep. Dewey Hill, D-Columbus, co-

sponsor of the Democratic redistricting plan, said a common trend in redistricting legislation is for representatives to look out for their own party.

"The Democratic plan is more spread out than the Republican plan," Hill said. "It will create districts that are more friendly to Democrats, and the Republican plan leans toward Republicans."

The U.S. congressional delegation from North Carolina contains seven Republicans and five Democrats. Hill added that he expects the 13th district will be more Democratic than Republican.

Rep. Cary Allred, R-Alamance, said he thinks the Republican plan respects county lines more than the Democratic plan.

"The Republican plan would more than likely help Southern Republicans

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